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SUBJ: GOG REFUTES ALLEGATIONS ON NOT ACCEPTING MEDICAL DEGREES

1. SUMMARY. GOG ANGRILY REFUTED WEST GERMAN PRESS REPORT THAT GHANA NO LONGER ACCEPTING CANADIAN, GERMAN, AND US MEDICAL DEGREES. END SUMMARY.

2. COMMISSIONER (EQUIVALENT TO MINISTER) OF HEALTH, LT. COL. A.H. SELORMEY, CALLED PRESS CONFERENCE AUG. 22 (AND ON VERY SHORT NOTICE INVITED US, FRG, AND CANADIAN MISSION REPRESENTATIVES) TO REFUTE STORY IN JULY 10 "WESER KURIER" TO EFFECT THAT GHANA NO LONGER ACCEPTS MEDICAL DEGREES FROM CANADIAN, FRG, AND US UNIVERSITIES AS QUALIFICATION TO PRACTICE IN GHANA. SELOREMY SAID IT WOULD BE "SOME TIME" BEFORE GHANA CAN TRAIN ALL NECESSARY DOCTORS, AND WELCOMED MEDICAL TRAINING FOR GHANAIANS IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES "LIKE FRG, CANADA, US, USSR, AND BRITAIN." HE SAID GHANA MEDICAL AND DENTAL COUNCIL IS SOLE BODY TO DETERMINE QUALIFICATIONS AND CLEARLY INDICATED IT CONTINUES TO ACCEPT DEGREES FROM COUNTRIES LISTED.

3. COMMISSIONER AND MINISTRY OFFICIALS CONCERNED THAT GHANAIAN MEDICAL STUDENTS IN THE THREE COUNTRIES MIGHT ACT UNCLASSIFIED

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ON MISINFORMATION, SAID STORY WAS CIRCULATING IN EUROPE,

AND ASKED PUBLICITY TO CORRECT. ATTENDING EMBOFF (E/C COUNSELOR) TOLD MINISTRY OFFICIALS HE DOUBTED THE STORY HAD GOTTEN TO US BUT WOULD REPORT TO DEPARTMENT TO USE IN ANSWERING INQUIRIES. MINISTRY SAID "WESER KURIER" HAD PRINTED RETRACTION.

4. STORY GIVEN MAJOR PLAY IN AUG. 23 GHANA PRESS (WITHOUT REFERENCE TO USSR AND UK), AND PRESUMABLY FAMILIES NOTIFYING GHANAIAN MEDICAL STUDENTS AS RESULT.

5. COMMISSIONER AND MINISTRY OFFICIALS ANGRILY SAID STORY ORIGINATED WITH FRG DOCTOR WHO EMPLOYED IN TAMALE (PROVINCIAL CAPITAL) GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL. THAT DOCTOR REPRIMANDED, AND WRITTEN APOLOGY REQUESTED AND OBTAINED FROM HIM.

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